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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, MT, US

SUBJ: USNS WYMAN CLEARANCE REQUEST

REF: STATE 244890

1. ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY IN OPM, AGIUS FERRANTE, HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT PM MINTOFF APPROVES WYMAN VISIT ON CONDITION THAT NO OFFICERS OR CREW WEAR UNIFORMS ON BOARD WITHIN SIX MILES OF MALTA OR ASHORE, WE AGAIN STATED THAT ALL ON BOARD SYMAN ARE CIVILIANS AND WOULD NOT POSSESS MILITARY UNIFORMS, ALTHOUGH OFFICERS MAY HAVE UNIFORMS OF THE TYPE WORN BY OFFICERS ON MERCHANT VESSELS. AGIUS FERRANTE MADE IT CLEAR THAT MINTOFF ONLY CONCERNED THAT VISIT WYMAN NOT GIVE AN IMPRESSION THAT VISIT HAS MILITARY OPERATIONAL CONNOTATIONS.

2. BELIEVE IT BEST, THEREFORE, THAT TO EXTENT FEASIBLE, OFFICERS, CREW AND SCIENTIST AVOID WEARING UNIFORMS THAT COULD BE TAKEN FOR THOSE OF USN.

3. IN FAIRNESS TO MINTOFF, AND AS RESULT TALKING WITH
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PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY CAMILLERI AND

AGIUS FERRANTE, IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT DELAY IN AGREEMENT
NOT REPEAT NOT DUE TO POLITICAL ATTITUDES. REQUEST WAS
IN HANDS OF SUBORDINATES WHO WERE TRYING TO ANTICIPATE
EVERY CONCEIVABLE QUESTION MINTOFF MIGHT RAISE. AFTER
INITIAL APPROACH TO ABELA, HE WAS DETAILED PRATICALLY
FULL TIME TO DEAL WITH CURRENT COMMERCIAL BANKING
CRISIS, AND CAMILLERI AND AGIUS FERRANTE HAD NOT EVEN
HEARD OF REQUEST UNTIL MORNING DEC 15. THIS STATE
OF AFFAIRS OF COURSE RESULTS FROM THE WAY IN WHICH
MINTOFF DEALS WITH, AND TERRORIZES, THE CIVIL SERVICE.
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